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COUNTRY East Germany 25X1 REPORT NO. [REDACTED] 25X1

TOPIC Military Information from the Wuensdorf Area

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] PREPARED 21 July 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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- 25X1 1. During the time of unrest in East Germany, a tank unit from the tank repair shop in the Zossen-Wuensdorf restricted area and an AT unit from the Zossen Camp were committed in the Heinersdorf - Mahlow - Gross Ziethen - Rudow area as far as a line extending from Baruth to Golssen. A headquarters had been set up at the town exit of Baruth, a mobile radio station on Muehlenberg Hill nearby.¹ [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] major tank and AT units had been withdrawn from the zonal border area north of Wuensdorf [REDACTED]. The units moved through Rangsdorf bound toward the south. The area vacated by them was reoccupied by a KVP company from Rangsdorf.² [REDACTED] sedans [REDACTED] 25X1
- 25X1 [REDACTED] which were occupied by general staff officers and came from the direction of Wuensdorf, passed through the northern road block of the Wuensdorf restricted area.
- 25X1 [REDACTED] on the same day, trucks [REDACTED]
- 25X1 loaded with landing gears of aircraft and coming from the direction of Wuensdorf entered the restricted area. Prior [REDACTED] there was no change in the status of AAA emplacements in the Wuensdorf-Zossen area.
- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] an inspection of the barracks installation under construction immediately south of Zossen. The members of the commission were strictly controlled by Soviet guard personnel. A Soviet construction staff headed by a captain and assigned to the Special Constructions Bureau in Potsdam was observed at the construction site. The German construction supervisor was called Hauen (fnu). [REDACTED]
- 25X1 [REDACTED] the Soviet construction staff did not hand over any construction plans to the Germans. About 300 construction workers were employed on the project.
- 25X1 [REDACTED] quartering facilities for one company each including a small kitchen were under construction at a distance of 20 km from the installation to the north, south, west and east. Earthworks for the quartering facilities had, allegedly, already been started.³
- 25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that this information refers to the employment of tanks repaired at the tank repair shop. No AT unit is known to be located in the Zossen Camp.
- 25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. This information possibly refers to elements of the 14th Gds Hecz Div, which [REDACTED] moved back to their military posts from Berlin by rail and road.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the construction of new quartering facilities may refer to an improvement of quartering facilities repeatedly reported from the AAA emplacements in this area. However, these emplacements are only three to five km distant from the site of the construction project involved. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

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F-3 1. able the following railroad cars were to be made avail-
1953:

<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>
40 converted boxcars	Neuruppin
54 SSY-type flatcars	Weissenfels
5 converted boxcars, 13 boxcars and 34 flatcars	Werneuchen
20 converted boxcars, 9 flatcars and 35RRYM-type flatcars	Wriezen
19 flatcars and 13 RRYM-type flatcars	Fuerstenberg
13 converted boxcars	Storkow
13 converted boxcars	Berlin - Buch
10 converted boxcars and 20 RRYM-type flatcars	Berlin - Schoeneweide
19 converted boxcars	Oranienburg
31 converted boxcars	Forst Zinna
14 converted boxcars	Wuensdorf
18 converted boxcars	Oranienburg

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[REDACTED] 63 converted boxcars

Jueterbog - Altes Lager

[REDACTED] 154 transitworthy
converted boxcars

Jueterbog - Altes Lager

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2. [REDACTED] five empty trains, provided for Poland, with a total of 77 converted boxcars, 5 flatcars with 22 portable tank ramps and 52 RRTM-type flatcars were observed at the freight station of Berlin - Ostbahnhof. They could not be dispatched as the bridge at Frankfurt/Oder was blasted. 3

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3. [REDACTED] an eastbound troop train from the direction of Cottbus via Kuestrin was daily observed. Two trains seen [REDACTED] consisted of about 25 boxcars and 30 flatcars each, loaded with trucks, sedans, prime movers, rollers, gasoline containers and large crates. About 150 troops were observed with each train; several soldiers wore air force service color. 4

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4. [REDACTED] a train with 15 JS tanks, [REDACTED] was observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. The train came from Guben and proceeded toward Eberswalde. 3

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5. The following trains assembled at Werneuchen were said to be dispatched to Guben:

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Composition of
Trains

14 converted boxcars,
17 boxcars,
20 flatcars and
2 kitchen cars

6 converted boxcars,
17 boxcars,
27 flatcars,
1 kitchen car and
2 boxcars for horses

10 converted boxcars,
20 boxcars,
12 flatcars and
2 kitchen cars

15 converted boxcars,
14 boxcars,
34 flatcars and
1 kitchen car

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6. Troop trains loaded at Werneuchen included: a train of 20 converted boxcars, 19 flatcars, 1 coach and 2 kitchen cars, [REDACTED] to Guben on 27 June; a train of 15 converted boxcars, 26 boxcars, 7 flatcars and 1 boxcar for horses, [REDACTED] to Kovel via Guben [REDACTED] and a train of 15 converted boxcars, 22 boxcars, 10 flatcars and 2 kitchen cars, [REDACTED] to Kovel via Guben [REDACTED]

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7. Troop trains [REDACTED]

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Composition of
Troop Trains

5 boxcars and
8 flatcars with
light AA guns

From

Jueterbog-
Altes Lager

To

Brandenburg

5

12 boxcars and
26 flatcars

Jueterbog

Coswig

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13 boxcars and
37 flatcars with
artillery

Forst Zinna

Dallgow-
Doeberitz

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25X1 1. Comment. [redacted] the bomber units previously stationed at Werneuchen airfield were shipped away via Guben. The trains probably were re-dispatched from Kovel to the USSR. [redacted]

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25X1 2. Comment. Following the dispatching of three troop trains, probably with air force units, from Jueterbog to the USSR [redacted] the assembling of 154 transitworthy converted boxcars at Jueterbog - Altes Lager indicates that additional shipments were intended [redacted]

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25X1 3. Comment. The tanks observed on the troop train from Guben [redacted] belonged to the 84th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. If the troop train arrived at Frankfurt/Oder actually from the direction of Guben, the train may have also been dispatched from western Poland [redacted]. In connection with the five empty trains blocked in Berlin which, according to the portable tank ramps seen, were for transportation of tank units, the above observations indicate that, in addition to the 9th Mecz Div units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div were also employed in the area east of the Oder River. The non-identification of components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div during the riots in East Germany supports this assumption. [redacted]

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25X1 4. Comment. The observations confirm reports [redacted] on the shipping away of air force ground units via the border stations at Frankfurt/Oder, Guben and Kuestrin. [redacted] As the troop trains via Kuestrin came from the direction of Cottbus, they probably carried ground units of the bomber units previously stationed in the southern area of East Germany.

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25X1 5. [redacted]

25X1 6. Comment. The troop train probably carried elements of the 148th Engr Bn (US) of the 14th Gds Mecz Div moving to the Wittenberg area on the Elbe River for field exercises. [redacted] elements of the 121st Gds Engr Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div were transported from Letzing Heath to Coswig. [redacted]

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25X1 7. Comment. The troop train [redacted] carried elements of the 294th Mort Regt of the 1st Mecz Div which returned to Doeberitz after a short-term combat firing practice in the Jueterbog area. [redacted]

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